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ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

TOWN OFFICERS

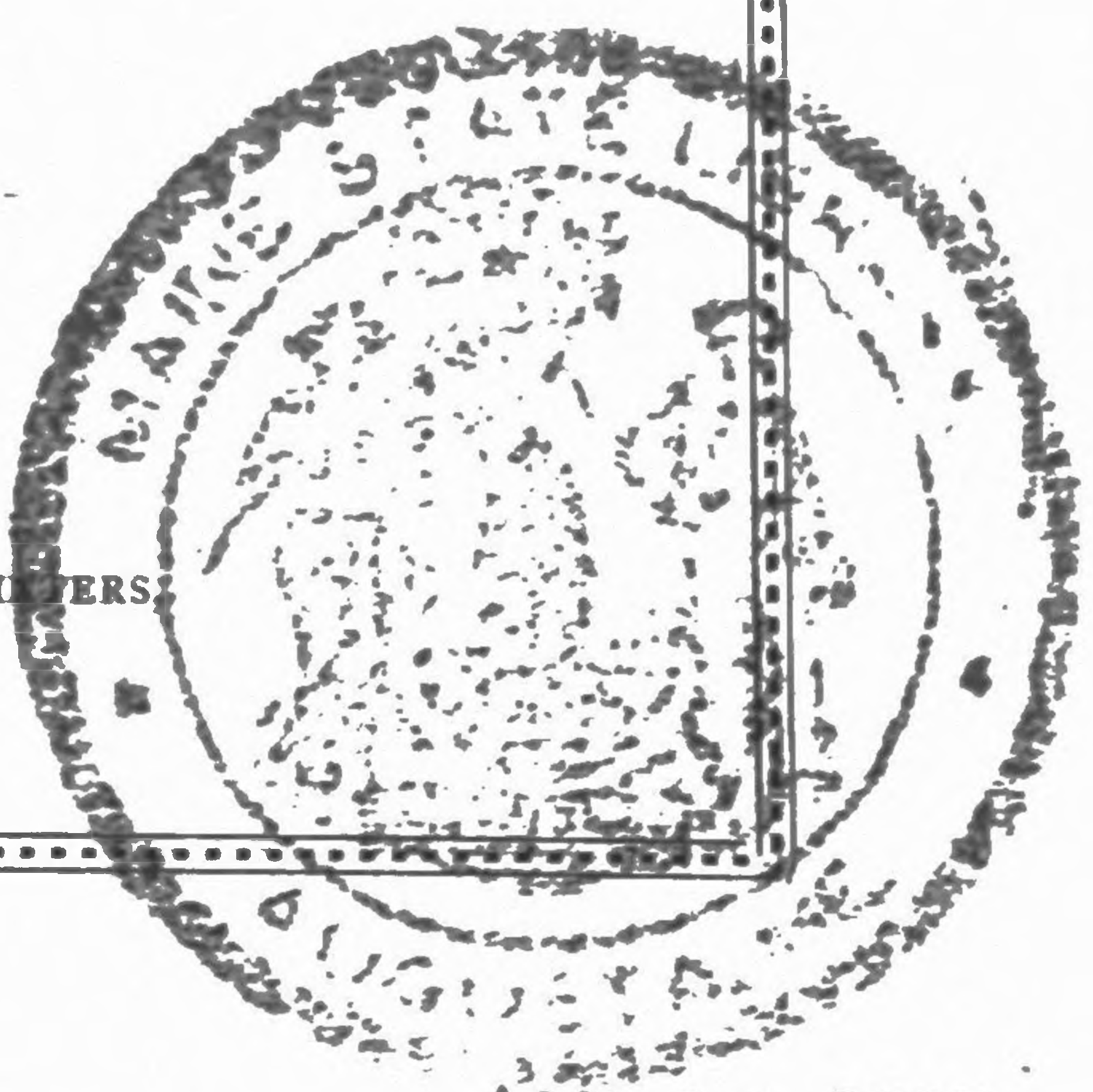
OF THE

Town of Hope,

FOR THE

YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY 25, 1888.

ROCKLAND
PORTER & JONES, PRINTERS
1888.





SELECTMEN'S REPORT

VALUATION

Real Estate.	\$143,225
Personal Estate.	37,674

Total. \$180,899

Rate of tax, \$18 on one thousand.

No. of Polls, 192. Tax per Poll, \$2.

State Tax.	\$585 33
County Tax.	409 21
For Support of Schools.	664 50
For Support of Poor.	500 00
For Repair Roads and Bridges.	500 00
For Removing Fences and Bushes.	200 00
For Removing Snow.	675 00
For Overlay.	124 01
Deficient Highway.	1 50
Assessed and committed to E. E. Upham.	<u>\$3659 55</u>

ABATEMENTS.

1888.

To E. E. Upham and J. H. Hobbs 24 cts., Leslie Wentworth \$2.10, D. Bartlett Estate \$4.46 on school district tax in No. 4,	\$6 80
To G. L. Payson & Sons error of assessment 86,	2 80
“ “ “ “ “ 87	5 40

ABATEMENTS.

M. F. Taylor abatement of B. F. Clough	1885 tax.	2 75
" " " " "	1886 "	2 00
Jas. L. Wentworth	1886 "	2 00
S. W. Upham	1886 "	2 00
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		\$23 75

BRIDGES.

1888.

To E. G. Mink in I. Hobbs Dist.,	\$8 25
J. L. Fullerton, " " "	10 50
N. E. Wellman, " " "	6 00
John Fogler, use of drag,	1 25
S. W. Upham,	11 50
Oret Wentworth,	4 50
E. Philbrick,	4 50
G. M. Robbins,	16 50
Myron Wentworth,	9 00
Isaac Hobbs, labor and repair of tools,	8 00
G. M. Robbins, labor on bridge,	3 00
H. M. Cole, " "	9 00
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\$92 00

To Samuel Simmons, hauling plank and labor on
bridge,

D. Hall, labor on bridge,	15 00
Alanson Wentworth,	6 00
F. L. Mansfield, plank,	15 00
F. L. Mansfield, labor,	7 97
W. B. Fish, plank,	1 40
E. H. Heal, " "	34 63
A. M. Crabtree,	4 58
W. B. Fish, hauling plank,	1 50
H. M. Cole, iron and lumber,	10 97
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\$100 30

ROADS.

1887.

To H. H. Fogler, in Bowley Dist.,	\$16 40
B. F. Merrifield, " "	3 00
E. G. Mink, " "	21 75
E. G. Mink, Upham Dist.,	3 00
J. L. Fullerton, Bowley Dist.,	1 50
George D. Bowley, repairs on plow.	7 75
Wm. B. Fish, Upham Dist.,	7 00
W. B. Fish, Bowley Dist.,	6 55
C. E. Fernald & Oxton,	3 00
John Fogler, Bowley Dist.,	3 50
G. M. Robbins, A. Wentworth Dist.,	3 25
G. M. Robbins, Cole Dist.,	3 00
G. M. Robbins, I. Hobbs Dist.,	5 00
J. W. Ripley, use of scraper,	2 62
J. W. Ripley,	50
A. M. Crabtree, Merrifield Dist.,	19 50
A. M. Crabtree, bridge,	2 00
Myron Wentworth, I. Hobbs Dist.,	4 50
Geo. Wellman,	3 37
Jethro Simmons,	5 00
Sidney J. Kimball,	1 25

1888.

B. F. Merrifield,	1 79
G. H. Merrifield,	1 85
F. J. Quinn, blasting rock,	2 00
E. B. Coose,	1 88
James A. Heal,	1 50
B. H. Carleton,	9 00
E. E. & S. W. Upham,	3 60

 \$145 06

ROADS.

ORDERS DRAWN FOR REPAIR OF ROADS.

1887.

To E. O. Robbins in G. M. Payson Dist.,	8 75
H. W. Payson, " " "	7 25

To G. M. Payson.	10 00
Elijah Mink, Bowley Dist.,	10 50
Silas W. Upham, Upham Dist.,	1 50
Wm. B. Fish, Bowley Dist.,	17 45
Augustus Flanders, I. Hobbs Dist.,	1 58
N. E. Wellman,	
G. M. Payson, J. H. Hobbs Dist.,	23 95
G. M. Payson, B. H. Carleton Dist.,	13 67
Charles Bartlett, " " "	7 17
A. J. Pierce, R. Barrett Dist.,	7 00
A. J. Pierce, B. H. Carleton Dist.,	13 00
A. J. Pierce, M. Metcalf Dist.,	3 50
A. J. Pierce, J. H. Hobbs Dist.,	3 50
Frank Handley, B. H. Carlton Dist.,	5 00
John Brown, Sibley Dist.,	2 75
Abner Dunton, " "	3 25
Henry Wooster, " "	4 50
Orrin Wellman, Ephraim Heal Dist.,	3 00
Geo. Athearn, " " "	3 00
E. H. & T. B. Heal, " " "	11 00
Tileston B. Heal, Carleton Dist.,	2 25
David S. Hall, Hall Dist.,	4 50
Alfred Wentworth, " "	4 50
Leander Brown, " "	4 80
Alanson Wentworth, " "	21 00
Philip Mahoney, M. Metcalf Dist.,	2 25
F. P. Conant in 1886,	2 85
C. E. Dunbar, repairing scraper and chains,	6 45
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	\$209 92

MANSFIELD DISTRICT.

1887.

To N. E. Wellman.	\$3 00
Ansel Keene,	4 50
Adelbert Noyes,	3 00
Tileston Noyes,	1 00
N. E. Wellman,	1 50

To Fred Taylor,	8 94
Marcellus Taylor,	16 78
Oret Wentworth,	4 50
E. Philbrick,	5 25
G. M. Robbins,	4 50
Myron Wentworth,	7 50
F. L. Mansfield,	16 00
H. M. Cole,	20 50
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	\$96 97

HORACE WENTWORTH DISTRICT.

To N. E. Wellman,	\$3 00
C. H. Jones,	1 50
Ansel Keene,	1 50
Geo. Wellman,	10 15
Lyman Frye,	4 50
J. W. Hilt,	6 52
S. E. Wentworth,	5 59
Sylvanus Trask,	1 20
George M. Simmons,	9 67
H. M. Cole, 1886,	6 00
H. M. Cole, 1887,	6 00
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	\$55 63

1888.

To J. F. Richards,	\$10 00
W. B. Fish, labor in Bowley district,	3 50
M. Metcalf,	1 50
E. G. Mink,	3 50
John Fogler,	1 00
B. H. Carleton,	9 00
E. E. and S. W. Upham,	3 60
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	32 10
	209 92
	145 06
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	\$387 08

The roads throughout the town in the years past have been repaired at a cost of \$2,000 highway tax and an average probably of \$250 money tax, (some years \$500) representing 1166 days work. The roads had become very bad in many places, not safe for travelers. This year there was \$1,000 highway and \$732 money tax, representing 988 days work, saving 178 days labor, equal to \$267, besides the value to the improvement of roads, as they are better than they have been for many years, taken as a whole, throughout the town.

POOR.

ORDERS DRAWN FOR SUPPORT OF POOR.

1887.

To John W. Chase for support of Ira Bills,	29 02
F. L. Mansfield for support of poor for month of	
• March,	24 00
Arthur Payson, supplies furnished J. L. Wentworth,	9 11
John W. Chase for support of Ira Bills,	29 58
S. W. Upham for Warren Gould, 3 months,	12 00
John W. Chase for support of Ira W. Bills,	29 85
S. W. Upham for support of Warren Gould,	12 00
John W. Chase for support of Ira W. Bills,	33 98
Marcellus Metcalf, support of Ulysses Merrifield,	25 00

1888.

To F. L. Mansfield, support of Nellie Wentworth on	
acct. of town of Appleton,	9 38
H. M. Cole, paid overseers of poor of Union, acct.	
of James L. Wentworth,	4 35
M. Metcalf of Ulysses Merrifield,	3 50

\$221 77

To Cash paid on acct. of Ira W. Bills at In-	
sane Hospital,	\$122 43
All other bills,	99 34
	<u>\$221 77</u>

FENCES, ETC.

REMOVING FENCES AND CUTTING BUSHES.

1887.

To N. E. Wellman, cutting bushes.	\$ 5 00
Reuben Brown, cutting bushes.	3 50
George Wellman, cutting bushes.	1 20
S. C. Hewett, cutting bushes,	1 50
Charles A. Simmons, cutting bushes.	7 00
C. H. Wellman, moving 35 rods wall.	22 37
Augustus Heal, " 17 "	8 50
Silas Upham. " 17 "	8 50

1888.

To F. H. Calderwood, cutting bushes,	6 90
Edward Roy. " "	6 90
Charles Morse. " "	4 95
M. F. Taylor " "	9 00
F. P. Conant. " "	5 10
H. M. Philbrick. " "	4 20
Frank Handley, " "	2 50
Marcellus Metcalf.	5 00
Wm. G. Harkness,	8 00
E. E. and S. W. Upham.	3 60

 \$113 72

SNOW.

ORDERS FOR BREAKING SNOW.

1887.

Paid as follows :

To H. H. Fogler,	\$17 10
Joseph Carter.	2 47
C. E. Dunbar,	75
H. J. Fitch,	1 87
Geo. Carter,	1 20
A. A. Carter,	60
Phineas Rokes,	1 53
M. M. Stephenson,	75

Order drawn to H. H. Fogler,

 \$26 27 \$26 27

To Geo. Athearn,	\$ 5 10	
E. H. Heal,	10 05	
W. D. Wellman,	1 95	
Orrin Wellman,	1 35	
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Order to Geo. Athearn,	\$18 45	\$18 45
To Fred H. Barnes,	\$6 75	
J. H. Wright,		6 00
W. P. Barrett,	6 00	
S. C. Bowley,	4 05	
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Order to Fred Barnes,	\$22 80	\$22 80
To Isaac Hobbs,	2 25	
G. M. Robbins,	7 50	
Augustus Flanders,	4 50	
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Order to Isaac Hobbs,	\$14 25	\$14 25
To Leroy Jackson,	\$6 30	
D. B. Wentworth,	2 55	
Thos. Wentworth,	6 04	
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Order to Leroy Jackson,	\$14 89	\$14 89
To Charles Morse,	\$6 90	
Edward Roy,	7 50	
F. H. Calderwood,	8 27	
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Order to Charles Morse,	\$22 67	\$22 67
To Elisha Philbrick,	\$17 25	
Geo. O. Wentworth,	4 20	
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Order to Elisha Philbrick,	\$21 45	\$21 45
To A. M. Crabtree,	\$6 30	
F. A. Crabtree,	7 20	
C. H. Wellman,	10 80	
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Order to A. M. Crabtree,	\$24 30	\$24 30

SNOW.

To Arthur Wentworth,	\$5 47	
Charles Mahoney,	1 27	
Henry E. Wentworth,	4 27	
C. H. Jones,	3 97	
Freeman Wellman,	5 77	
Adelbert Rokes,	4 50	
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Order to Arthur Wentworth,	\$25 25	\$25 25
To J. P. Simmons,	\$5 00	
Samuel Simmons,	6 00	
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Order to J. P. Simmons,	\$11 00	\$11 00
To Horace Wentworth,	\$17 40	
Samuel E. Wentworth,	15 75	
Sylvanus Trask,	7 28	
J. W. Hilt,	15 75	
C. A. Simmons,	22 72	
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Order to Lyman Frye,	\$78 90	\$78 90
To B. F. Merrifield,	\$7 65	
Nathaniel Gardner,	2 55	
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Order to B. F. Merrifield,	\$10 20	\$10 20
To Jethro Simmons,	\$14 85	
Jesse Wentworth,	4 87	
Otis Mills,	4 20	
Eben Blaisdell,	1 20	
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Order to Jethro Simmons,	\$25 12	\$25 12
To N. E. Wellman,	\$13 80	
Ansel Keene	13 80	
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Order to N. E. Wellman,	\$27 60	\$27 60

SNOW.

To H. M. Cole,	\$7 20	
E. L. Graves,	3 64	
Jed. Simmons,	2 55	
A. Norwood,	3 00	
John Noyes,	5 10	
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	\$21 49	\$21 49
 To Wm. J. Taylor,	 \$7 57	
Frank Taylor,	10 05	
Geo. Wellman,	11 70	
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Order to Wm. J. Taylor,	\$29 32	\$29 32
 Paid Edwin Coose,	 \$3 53	
James P. Hobbs,	2 00	
C. A. Bills,	1 05	
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Order to Edwin Coose,	\$6 58	\$6 58
 Wm. C. Pearse,	 \$5 41	
Frank A. Hanley,	2 70	
Albion Allen,	3 60	
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Order to Wm. C. Pearse,	\$11 71	\$11 71
 Paid N. F. Barrett for '86 and '87,	 \$5 30	
E. A. Payson,	1 28	
D. A. Payson,	1 98	
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Order to N. F. Barrett,	\$8 56	\$8 56
 Paid John Brown,	 \$2 55	
H. E. Woster,	6 45	
C. T. Kimball,	7 20	
Amand Crane,	1 50	
Simon C. Hewett,	3 50	
A. F. Dunton,	3 45	
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Order to John Brown,	\$24 65	\$24 65

SNOW.

Paid E. O. Robbins,	\$12 35	
G. M. Payson,	10 05	
H. W. Payson,	3 85	
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Order to E. O. Robbins,	\$26 25	\$26 25
 Paid B. H. Carleton,	 \$ 3 30	
Wm. F. Bartlett,	10 80	
W. H. Bartlett,	1 94	
C. A. Payson,	1 78	
Henry H. Payson,	2 00	
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Order to B. H. Carleton,	\$19 82	\$19 82
 Paid Marcellus Metcalf,	 \$5 00	
Wm. C. Pearse,	5 00	
Frank A. Handley,	3 00	
Wm. G. Harkness,	2 25	
Philip Mahoney,	1 80	
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Order to Marcellus Metcalf,	\$17 05	\$17 05
 E. G. Mink,	 \$2 25	
J. L. Fullerton,	3 30	
David Robbins,	1 42	
D. J. Bowley,	1 95	
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Order to E. G. Mink,	\$8 92	\$8 92
 To Alanson Wentworth,	 \$15 00	
Leander Brown,	7 50	
D. H. Mansfield,	1 35	
David S. Hall,	16 20	
Charles Dyer,	3 00	
Alvin I. Perry,	1 35	
Reuben Brown,	75	
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Order to Alanson Wentworth,	\$45 15	\$45 15

SNOW.

To Cyrus Taylor,	\$1 20	\$1 20
To F. L. Mansfield.	\$23 77	
M. F. Taylor,	19 05	
Fred Taylor,	8 10	
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	\$50 92	\$50 92
To S. W. Upham,	\$6 01	
Marcus Rokes.	2 02	
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F. J. Quinn,		1 35
Jesse M. Crabtree,		6 00
T. Hastings,		4 50
C. B. Fish and E. Lermond,		1 50
A. P. St. Clair,		1 50

ORDERS FOR BREAKING SNOW IN 1886 AND 1887.

1887.

Paid as follows :

Ezekiel Upham,	\$7 10	
E. E Upham,	5 11	
Augustus Heal,	1 87	
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Order drawn to Ezekiel Upham.	\$14 08	\$14 08
F. P. Conant,	\$16 20	
H. M. Philbrick,	7 35	
D. H. Ludwig,	11 85	
G. H. Brown,	5 55	
Isaac Conant,	4 50	
E. H. Heal,	60	
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	\$46 05	\$46 05

MISCELLANEOUS.

1887.

To Porter & Jones, for printing town reports,	\$17 00
Charles Morse, damage to wagon on highway,	2 50
H. M. Cole, paid witnesses in Burrows law suit,	33 12

MISCELLANEOUS.

H. M. Cole, paid C. E. Littlefield,	15 00
Myron Wentworth,	1 50
Mary A. & Phineas Rokes, for gravel bank to repair roads (containing 36 rods),	25 00
H. M. Cole, blank books, stationery and postage, and T. P. Pierce, \$1,	6 49
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	\$100 61

TOWN OFFICERS.

To Daniel H. Mansfield, supervisor of schools,	\$35 00
E. E. Upham, collecting school dist. tax in No. 4,	4 23
Fish Metcalf & Cole, assessing school dist. tax,	4 50
H. M. Cole, town clerk,	4 00
S. C. Hewett, treasurer,	8 00
Selectmen, Assessors and Overseers of Poor,	
M. Metcalf,	30 00
W. B. Fish,	25 00
H. M. Cole,	33 00
M. F. Taylor, collecting tax of '86,	9 50
E. E. Upham, for collecting 3,000 at 013,	39 00
L. P. True, treasurer,	5 00
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	\$197 23

SCHOOL DISTRICT NO.1.

RESOURCES.

1887.

Balance from 1886,	\$ 38 17
Amount apportioned,	109 46
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	\$147 63

EXPENDITURES.

Florence Cole, teaching 6 days,	\$ 4 80
" " " 7 weeks,	28 00
Freeman Wellman, wood,	7 70

SCHOOLS.

Effie Robbins, teaching 6 weeks,	24 00	
C. H. Jones, labor on schoolhouse,	2 82	
Arthur Wentworth, lumber,	4 30	
Florence Cole, teaching 12 weeks,	66 00	
Freeman Wellman, wood,	1 00	
J. W. Hilt, repairs,	1 50	
Charles Wellman, building fires.	1 00	
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Total expenditures,	\$141 12	
Balance due the district.	6 51	
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SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 2.

RESOURCES.

1887.

Balance from 1886,	\$ 3 75	
Amount apportioned,	136 20	
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EXPENDITURES.

N. Alford, board of teacher,	10 50	
Luetta Robinson, teaching 7 weeks,	28 00	
Mrs. E. Hastings, board of teacher,	14 00	
Myron Wentworth, wood, 8 weeks,	5 60	
W. B. Bowley, teaching 2 months,	56 00	
Etta M. Hemingway, teaching,	21 00	
Thaddeus Hastings, cleaning house.	2 00	
“ “ crayons,	40	
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Total expenditures,	\$137 50	
Balance due the district.	2 45	
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SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 3.

RESOURCES.

Balance due from 1886,	\$ 5 98	
Amount appropriated,	109 46	
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SCHOOLS.

EXPENDITURES.

Paid Annie May Payson, 8 weeks teaching.	\$28 00	
Board.	10 24	
Cleaning house.	2 00	
G. O. Wentworth, wood.	3 50	
Annie May Payson, 10 weeks teaching.	60 00	
Building fires.	1 00	
G. M. Payson, repairs and supplies.	8 86	
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Expenditures.	\$113 60	
Balance due the district.	1 84	
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SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 4.

RESOURCES.

Balance due the district.	\$ 1 39	
Amount of appropriation.	154 36	
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EXPENDITURES.

Paid C. A. Payson, board,	\$ 8 96	
Addie L. Bartlett, 7 weeks teaching.	35 00	
Addie L. Bartlett, teaching,	65 00	
S. L. Bills, stove and supplies.	13 70	
C. A. Payson, board,	8 10	
Wood,	9 00	
Board,	10 85	
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Expenditures,	\$150 61	
Balance due district,	5 14	
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SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 5.

RESOURCES.

Balance from 1886,	\$ 36 83	
Amount of appropriation,	158 90	
Amount received of John Woster,	7 50	
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SCHOOLS.

EXPENDITURES.

Paid Minnie C. Barrett, teaching 4 weeks,	\$20 00	
Flora Wright, teaching,	12 00	
Minnie C. Barrett,	50 00	
S. C. Bowley, wood,	7 00	
D. A. Payson, water,	2 00	
W. H. Bartlett, teaching 11 weeks,	88 00	
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Total expenditures,	\$179 00	
Balance due the district,	24 23	
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SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 6.

RESOURCES.

Balance due from 1886,	\$ 24 66	
Amount appropriated,	158 90	
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EXPENDITURES.

Paid Arvilla Thorndike, teaching 14 weeks,	\$42 00	
Leander O. Brown, board, 14 weeks,	18 62	
Leander O. Brown, wood, 2 cords,	6 00	
Lona M. Wentworth, teaching 10 weeks,	55 00	
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Expenditures,	\$121 62	
Balance due the district,	61 94	
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SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 7.

1887.

RESOURCES.

Amount apportioned,	\$236 08	
Overdrawn in 1886,	2 06	
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	\$234 02	
Amount received from Camden,	17 00	
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Total resources,	\$251 02	\$251 02

SCHOOLS.

EXPENDITURES.

H. J. Fitch, board of teacher 9 weeks,	\$13 05	
A. M. Crabtree, wood,	10 75	
Lillia Ingraham, teaching,	45 00	
Lillia Ingraham, teaching,	40 00	
H. J. Fitch, board of teacher.	11 60	
S. B. Overlock, teaching 2 1-4 months.	90 00	
H. J. Fitch, board,	17 82	
" " repairs,	8 50	
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Total expenditures,	\$236 72	
Balance due the district,	14 30	
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Balance due 7 school districts, \$116 41		

RECAPITULATION.

AMOUNT OF ORDERS DRAWN.

Abatements,	\$ 23 75
Bridges,	\$100 30
Two bridges near Isaac Hobbs,	92 00
Road in Horace Wentworth district,	55 63
Road in Mansfield district,	96 97
Roads in other districts,	387 08
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Amount for roads and bridges,	\$731 98
Miscellaneous,	100 61
Poor,	221 77
Schools,	1,080 17
Snow,	697 68
Town Officers,	197 23
Removing fences and bushes,	113 72
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	\$3,166 91

AMOUNT OF FUNDS FOR 1887.

Taxes committed to E. E. Upham, Collector,	\$2,665 01
To Amount due from Collector, '85,	75 00
Amount due from Collector, '86,	465 43
Cash in Treasurer's hands,	106 76
Received of Appleton on acct. of Nellie Wentworth,	3 38
Received of Town of Camden for School Dist. No. 7,	17 00
Received of John Woster, of Camden, [for School Dist. No. 5,	7 50
State School Fund and Mill Tax,	398 86
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Net Funds for 1887,	\$3,738 94
Paid orders of 1887,	3,142 18
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	\$596 76
Due from Ira Bills, for support of son,	\$62 17
Due from School Dist. No. 4, for assessing, collect- ing and abatements,	15 53
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Balance in favor of the town,	\$674 46

RESOURCES.

Due from Collector '86, M. F. Taylor,	\$46 85
E. E. Upham, Collector '87,	497 83
Cash in Treasurer's hands,	52 08
“ due from Ira Bills,	62 17
“ due from School Dist. No. 4,	15 53
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	\$674 46

LIABILITIES.

Ourstanding Orders,	\$ 24 73
Balance due School Districts,	116 41
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	\$141 14
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Net balance,	\$533 32

There is in the hands of the Supervisor of Schools, school books to the amount of \$60. There is due from Appleton on acct. of Nellie Wentworth, \$22.70.

Hope, February 25, 1888.

H. M. COLE,	} <i>Selectmen</i>
M. METCALF,	
W. B. FISH,	
	<i>of</i>
	<i>Hope.</i>

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT.

As required by Statute Law, I hereby submit the following report of the schools of this town for the year ending Feb. 29, 1888.

TEACHERS AND TEACHING.

District No. 1. There were three terms of school in this district, and Miss Florence Cole, who taught here last year, was engaged for the entire year, but after the spring term was well underway she was forced to give up for that term by reason of sickness, and Miss Effie C. Robbins of Appleton finished the term very successfully. Regaining her health, Miss Cole taught the remainder of the year, and proved herself to be a very good teacher.

District No. 2 also had three terms of school. Spring term taught by Etta M. Hemenway, of Union, an energetic teacher of ability. Fall term under the instruction of Luetta Robinson of Castine. It is seldom that we see a teacher better qualified for her position than Miss Robinson. Winter term taught by W. B. Bowley of Hope. I visited the school at the opening, but receiving no notice of its close, did not visit it at the close, but presume the school made its usual progress.

District No. 3. Two terms taught by Annie May Payson. She labored under great difficulties, and did the best she could. If the residents of this district would act more unitedly the schools would be the better for it.

District No. 4, voted to have three terms of school, but the repairing of the school-house forced the postponement of the fall term, so the fall and winter terms were merged into one, and there were really but two terms of school. Miss Addie Bartlett of Union taught the school and she is "a good teacher" in every sense of the phrase. She gave entire satisfaction.

District No. 5, had three terms of school. At the opening of the spring term a notice was sent to me through the P. O. but was not received, so I did not visit the school at all during the term; but I learn that Minnie Barrett began the school and owing to sickness left it, and Flora Wright finished the term. I had no knowledge that there was any school in the district until it was nearly closed, but knowing Miss Barrett to be a good teacher and Miss Wright an excellent scholar, I presume the school must have been successful. The fall term was begun and finished by Miss Barrett. The winter term taught by W. H. Bartlett, was a successful one. The order was good, the scholars attentive and interested in their studies, and the teacher ready and willing to assist them.

District No. 6. The spring term taught by Mrs. Arvilla Thorndike of Searsmont was in every way a success. The winter term was under the instruction of Miss Lona Wentworth of Appleton. Through local causes trouble arose in the district and only a part of the scholars attended school. The interest and attendance grew less and less until but three scholars were at school the last week. The agent then employed Daniel Wentworth of Appleton, an excellent teacher, to teach the remainder of the school year. The local trouble continued, and at the present date, (Feb. 29, 1888,) all of the scholars are not attending school. (No record of this school appears in the table.)

District No. 7. Spring and fall terms taught by Miss Lilla Ingraham of West Camden. Miss Ingraham is a hard working teacher of great ability, and the scholars improved very much under her tuition. Winter term taught by S. B. Overlock of Washington, a thorough scholar and teacher. The school-house in this district is entirely unfit for the purpose, being unsafe, and dangerous to the life and health of the scholars. No more schools should be held in this house until extensive repairs are made upon it.

SCHOOL BOOKS.

During the past year I have changed Kerl's Grammar, which has been in use over twenty years, for Wells' Grammar, and

Monroe's Readers for Swinton's Readers, both changes being made at the earnest solicitation of many of the teachers and scholars who have been connected with the schools during the past four years.

The change in grammars gives us a book equally as good as the old, and which will be furnished at just one-half the price of the old one. The change in readers, lessen the number of classes by two, and the new books are much more interesting to the scholars than the old ones.

Much depends upon the course pursued by parents in the education of their children. The best teachers can have but limited success unless he or she is sustained and has the co-operation of the parents. Parents should see to it that their children attend school regularly. Our schools are short, and if promptly attended, hardly suffice to fit our youth for life's great work. I wish all would take a deeper interest, and manifest a laudable ambition to improve our schools, that we, as a town may not be left far behind our neighboring towns in the march up the hill of science, but that we may compete with them; that the rising generation may be prepared to fill responsible positions in society, and do honor to themselves, their parents and their native town. And I urge upon parents again, the great obligation they are under to their families, the community and their creator, to do all in their power for the education of our youth; for I may well say, in the language of another, that "our common school system is the balance wheel, by the movement of which our great moral and political interests are regulated. We cannot escape its influence. Our homes will be intelligent, happy and virtuous, or they will be the reverse; our social position will be refined and elevated, or the reverse; our national policy will be distinguished for sound measures, sterling patriotism and untarnished honor, or the reverse; as this educational system is carried out with well directed liberality and enlightened zeal, or is circumscribed by sordid cupidity and permitted to suffer from indifference and neglect." As education advances, crime and pauperism recede. Ignorance is the high road to vice and infamy.

A majority of our children receive the sum total of their education in our common schools, and must necessarily go out into the world single handed to fight the battle of life. What more effectual weapon can be placed in their hands than a good education? To accomplish this desirable result, we must not stint the means to promote the interests of our town

schools. Liberal appropriations must be made. Though burdened with taxation, we cannot safely retrench here. Money withheld from the schoolhouse may be spent at the almshouse.

CONCLUSION.

In making this report, as in the three preceding ones, I have endeavored to report the facts, as I have seen them, without prejudice or partiality, and I desire to thank all those to whom thanks are due, for their kind and generous support and assistance.

At the last annual election in that town, during my absence from town and against my wishes, I was elected to this office for the fourth time, and I wish to state positively, that on *no condition* will I accept it this year.

D. H. MANSFIELD,

Supervisor of Schools.

Hope, March 1st, 1888.

STATISTICAL.

AGENTS.....	J. W. Hilt.	Thaddeus Hastings	G. M. Payson.	S. L. Bills.	N. F. Barrett.	Leroy Jackson.	Henry J. Fitch.
No. of District.....	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Whole number of scholars in each district.....	24	30	24	34	35	35	52
Total amount of money appropriated.....	147 63	139 95	115 44	155 75	195 73	183 56	234 02
Wages of teacher per week, spring term.....	\$4 00	\$3 00	\$3 50	\$5 00	\$3 60	\$3 00	\$5 00
Wages of teacher per week, fall term.....	\$4 00	\$4 00	*	\$5 00	\$3 70	*	\$5 00
Wages of teacher per week, winter term.....	\$5 50	\$5 00	\$4 50	\$5 00	\$6 00	\$4 00	\$10 00
Length of school in weeks, spring term.....	6	7	8	7	7	14	9
Length of school in weeks, fall term.....	7	7		6	10		8
Length of school in weeks, winter term.....	12	8	10	7	11	10	9
Whole number of scholars at school, spring term.....	11	20	10	18	21	20	38
Whole number of scholars at school, fall term.....	9	20		28	22		35
Whole number of scholars at school, winter term.....	16	16	11	29	25	11	39
Average number of scholars at school, spring term.....	10	18	9	16	15	16	32
Average number of scholars at school, fall term.....	8	17		24	18		28
Average number of scholars at school, winter term.....	11	14	10	25	20	3	32

* No fall term.

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT.

FOR THE YEAR ENDING FEB. 25, 1888.

Certificates of Intention of Marriage issued during the 1887. year.

April 9th. Laforest P. True and A. Katie Barnes, both of Hope.

May 24th. Lyford L. Mills of Hope and Chloe A. Simmons of Appleton.

May 25th. Miles P. Keene of North Weymouth, Mass. and Jennie L. Coose of Hope.

June 23. Westbra B. Bowley of Hope and Lizzie C. Moore of Searsmont.

June 30th. James Laroy Arey, Vinalhaven, and Wealthy Gould of Hope.

July 25th. Geo. W. Parker, Waterbury, Conn., and Sylvia L. Hastings of Hope.

Aug. 12th. John W. Oxton of Hope and Zelinda E. Robbins, Lincolnville.

Sept. 17th. Alvin I. Perry of Hope and Nettie M. Tiffany of Camden.

Oct. 22d. Charles W. Graham of Hope and Mary L. Bean of Appleton.

Nov. 1st. Sanford H. Bowley of Hope and Sarah E. Teague of Hope.

Nov. 4th. Daniel R. Preston, East Benton, and Mary P. Waterman of Hope.

Nov. 8th. Augustus S. Carter and Mary Couch, both of Hope.

Dec. 3d. Fred H. Barnes of Hope and Mary A. Feyler of Camden.

Dec. 12th. Fred L. Payson and Gertrude F. Martin, both of Hope.

Dec. 28th. Geo. E. Robinson, Appleton and Cassia G. Robbins of Hope.

List of Jurors drawn during the year.

1887.

Aug. 27th. H. M. Cole, Grand Juror. Gilford M. Payson, Traverse.

Nov. 27. Charles H. Jones, Traverse.

List of Births.

Parent's Names.

Oct. 26. '86.	Margaret Eliza Hewett.	Walter and Emma
Sept. 11. '86.	Bertha Hellen Ludwig,	Daniel and Hattie
Feb. 12. '86.	Fred Elmer Mansfield,	Daniel H. and Clara
Mar. 10. '87.	Martin P. Athearn,	Geo. and Sarah
	'87. Gertrude E. Payson,	Henry and Mornelva
May 12. '87.	Grace C. Hobbs,	J. P. and Nancy
May 12. '87.	Fred Lincoln Blaisdell,	Alice M. and Eben W.

H. M. COLE. *Town Clerk.*

UNDERTAKER'S REPORT.

FOR THE YEAR ENDING FEB. 25, 1888.

Persons Buried by me during the year.

1887.

Rebecca Light, died April 1, aged 82 years.

Morgan Wentworth, died April 9, aged 67 years.

Simon Fish, died April 19, aged 77 years, 7 months, 20 days.

Albert Leighr, died May 3, aged 2 months.

Mrs. Nancy Bills, died June 19, aged 39 years, 10 months.

Joseph Graves, died Aug. 8, aged 82 years, 4 months, 6 days.

Samuel Robbins, died Aug. 17, aged 83 years, 3 mos. 17 days.

Nathaniel Alford, died Nov. 21, aged 83 years, 8 mos., 8 days.

MARCELLUS METCALF, *Undertaker.*

TREASURER'S REPORT.

L. P. TRUE IN ACCT. WITH THE TOWN OF HOPE.

DR.

To Am't Cash in Treasury on settlement, Feb. 25, 1887,	\$106 76
Am't of uncollected tax on tax bills of 1884, due from N. F. Taylor,	75 00
Am't of uncollected tax on tax bills of 1886, due from N. F. Taylor,	465 43
Am't received from John Woster, Camden, as school fund,	7 50
Am't received from Town of Camden, as School Fund in Dist. 7,	17 00
Am't School Fund and Mill Tax,	398 86
Am't received from Town of Appleton on acct. Nellie Wentworth,	3 38
Am't of commitment of tax bills committed to E. E. Upham, for collection for year 1887,	2,665 01
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	\$3,738 94

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By Town Orders paid,	\$3,142 18
Am't uncollected tax on bills 1886, due from N. F. Taylor,	46 85
Am't of uncollected tax on bills 1887, due from E. E. Upham,	497 83
Am't in Treasury on settlement, Feb. 25, 1888,	52 08
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	\$3,738 94

L. P. TRUE, *Treasurer, Hope.*